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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Tech Loses By Narrow Margin

Captain Halligan's men slipped a surprise over on the Springfield Training School team last Saturday, twice forcing the ball within striking distance of the goal, and only losing the game by being unprepared for the exceptional "jump" with which the Training School men came back at the beginning of the third period.

The game started with Tech well in the advantage, and, having out-kicked and out-generated their opponents steadily, found themselves with the ball on the latter's 12 yard line as time was called.

M. Halligan missed his try for a field goal and the ball went to Springfield on their 25 yard line. From then on it was an exchange of punts and forward passes, Tech gaining 10 or 15 yards each time in the former, while Springfield had somewhat of an advantage in the latter. Throughout the entire quarter Tech had the upper hand, but could not get to the goal line.

Tech lost the game by the unexpected speed with which Springfield came back in the third period. By a series of forward passes and brilliant rushes they carried the ball over for a touchdown, and added a point with a goal. Just after that it looked as if another were to be added when Kelley broke through for a 60 yard run to Tech's 25 yard line, but "Dint" Halligan chased him and got him at that point. Tech held and got the ball, which Clough punted out of danger.

Then Tech got together and worked practically the same series of plays, with a 25 yard gain by Birdie thrown in, and several shorter but effective plunges by Power, until the ball was on Springfield's 15 yard line. The latter stiffened and Clough tried a placed kick, which was blocked. Time was called with the score 6-0 in Springfield's favor.

This game shows that Tech is rapidly getting into shape, as Springfield played a 0-0 game with Amherst the week before, and is usually the hardest game Tech has. However, as much progress in another week is expected as has developed in the past, and success is looked for with the Aggies next Saturday.

S. T. S.
Deever, le.
Martin, lt.
Delahanty, lg.
Watson, e.
Boardman, rg.
Collins, rt.
Swenson, re.
Courtenaux, qb.
Pond, lb.
Metzler, rb.
Kelly, fb.

TECH.
Brown le.
Howard, Breer, lt.
Frissell, lg.
Sherman, e.
Gillette, rg.
Clough, rt.
Fritch, Lewis, re.
M. Halligan, qb.
B. Halligan, lb.
Kane, Tuttle, rb.
Power, fb.

A. A. Election

The annual election of officers and directors of the W. P. I. A. A. will take place Oct. 22d, 1910.

The Athletic Board is composed of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, a director from each class and three Faculty members. Although the Faculty members are chosen by that august body itself, the other members of the Board are chosen by the student body.

In order to formally nominate a man for office, his name must be sent into the nominating committee, signed by five members of the association, of which all students are members, on or before Oct. 14, '10. The nominating committee is composed of a Senior, a Junior and a Sophomore. Each year, as the Senior graduates, the two remaining members select a third from the Sophomore class. This method has been running on now for over twenty years. H. E. Hartwell '11 is chairman this year, with Arthur Kloss '12 and E. E. Gilmore '13 for the other two members.

The President of the Association is usually a Senior, and for many years has been Captain of the football team; the Vice-president is usually a Junior, but the Treasurer must be a Junior and the Secretary a Sophomore. The Board is generally composed of men the most interested in athletics, and last year's officers may be cited as a typical example: President, H. Waring '10, ex-captain of the football team; Vice-president, B. Halligan '11, captain of the football team; Treasurer, S. E. Nims '11, captain of the baseball team; and Secretary G. H. Slocomb '12, captain of the track team. The student directors were Paul Kennedy '10, ex-captain of the track team; C. M. Brown '11, ex-captain of the baseball team; J. D. Power '12 and C. C. Clough '13, both of football and track fame.

The faculty members of the Board are Prof. Coombs, Chairman; Dr. Conant and Prof. Butterfield.

The duties of the President of the Board are to preside over all meetings of that body or of the Association itself. The Secretary keeps a record of all the meetings, and posts all public notices. The only duty of the Treasurer is to look as beautiful as possible, for Prof. Coombs takes care of all the money.

Some of the duties of the Board are to elect the managers of the respective teams; to approve of all schedules before the final contracts are signed; to levy athletic dues; to decide concerning the payment of bills; to place their approval on all financial reports of the managers of the various teams, and to award all W's legally worn by the student body.

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Freshmen Given Reception by the Faculty

It was a merry crowd of nearly 130 freshmen who assembled at President Engler's home last Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

After discarding their caps and receiving their introduction cards, which contained the fellow's name and his home town, each freshman was taken in hand by one of the ushers and introduced to the receiving committee, Mrs. Engler and Mrs. Kinnelutt. He was then taken into the dining-room, where ice cream and cake were served.

When he had finished eating the refreshments, he generally wandered into the parlor to listen to the catchy music rendered by the W. P. I. Orchestra under the able leadership of Mr. F. W. Butler.

Meanwhile the men were getting acquainted with each other and with the different members of the faculty; the fellows from the same states gathering in groups about the house trying to scrape up mutual acquaintances.

The new boys were bound to remember that this was a Tech affair, for that melodious group of men known as the Glee Club livened things up by their singing of college songs. The leader, Mr. W. A. Sleeper, deserves much credit for the fine harmony he has brought and is bringing about at the Institute.

When talk ran kind of dry among the men, they adjourned to the reception hall, where lemonade was served by the ladies of the faculty. This sort of moistened up their spirits, and it was a jolly bunch of freshmen throughout the evening.

When the reception was at an end and the last man had said, "Good night," the class of 1914 gathered in front of the house and gave three hearty cheers for President and Mrs. Engler, and thanked them for their kind hospitality. Then the procession of freshmen made its way to the steps of the electrical lab., where the men cheered their class and turned up their pants, thus disobeying two sophomore rules. They then paraded through the business section of the city, cheering all the while and letting the citizens of Worcester know that there was such a thing as the class of 1914 on Tech Hill. The crowd broke up at about eleven o'clock, with one rousing cheer for the class of 1914 which awakened the whole neighborhood.

This annual reception given by the members of the faculty and their wives to the entering class, has for its object the organization of the freshman class. It gives the men a chance to know one another, so that from then on, they can work hand in hand. This is the first place where class spirit has a chance to show itself, and this year's class certainly

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Second Team Game

Saturday, the second team fought a no score game with the fast Marlboro High team. Neither goal was in real danger at any period of the game, the ball see-sawing up and down the field most of the time. The second team displayed a better knowledge of the new style of football than their opponents, on one occasion making twenty-five yards on a forward pass from Mitchell to Dohill. The work of the team as a whole was good and quite a contrast to that of the week before. The playing of Guy Whitney was very noticeable, both on the defense and in carrying the ball. Mitchell also played a strong game.

Line-up:
Hutch, lt. Willis, rt.
Curran, lg. James, rg.
Russell, c. Nickerson, e
Sowerby, rg. Lyall, lg.
Sanford, rt. Drake, lt.
McManus, re. Morse, le.
Bigelow, qb. Walker, Leckie, qb.
Mason, Delorey, lb. Dohill, rlb.
Dalrymple, rlb. Whitney, lrb.
Turner, fb. Mitchell, fb.
Referee, Dr. Armstrong, Marlboro.
Umpire, W. W. Armour, Worcester.
Linesmen, Dezottell, Marlboro; Nims, Worcester. Timers, Gauthier, Marlboro; Sam Nims, Worcester. Time, two 10-minute and two 8-minute periods. Attendance 300.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 13.
Final cross-country run. (Freshmen, do something this time.)
FRIDAY, OCT. 14.
Electrical Engineers' Society, Electric Laboratory, 8 p.m. (Ladies' night.)
Joint rehearsal of Orchestra, Banjo and Glee Clubs, Y. M. C. A. room, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCT. 15.
Massachusetts Aggies vs. W. P. I. at Amherst.
MONDAY, OCT. 17.
Physics Colloquium at 4.45 p.m., physics lecture room.
EVERY DAY.
Tennis matches.
Football, Alumni Field, 4.30 p.m.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The list of officers is as follows: President, E. H. Classen, '11; Vice-presidents, C. E. Gillett, '11, J. D. Power, '12, and J. H. Conant, '13; Secretary, J. W. Cunningham, '12; Treasurer, N. E. Baxter, '13. Meetings are to be held upon the first Friday of each month, and announcement was made of the subjects to be considered at these meetings, with the

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The near-fracas, following the near-
rope-pull Monday afternoon, and also
the genuine mix-up which occurred
late the night of the faculty reception
to the Freshmen, show pretty clearly
which way the wind blows as regards
the two lower classes. There seem to
be a few of the 1913 men who are al-
together too active in trying to stir
up a genuine free-for-all fight, and the
sooner these men are sat on the better
it will be for all concerned.

Two years ago, a man was killed in
a rush between 1911 and 1912, and
though the affair has none of the vivid-
ness of a personal experience to the mem-
bers of the two lower classes, it is still
fresh in the memory of the Seniors
and Juniors. We are not a bunch of
rowdies here at the Institute, but it
must be admitted that the "jingo" ele-
ment is none too rare and if these men are
allowed to start things going whenever
they feel like it, mob spirit will do the
rest, at any time of excitement and ten-
sion. The results of any such crazy im-
pulse will send Tech's stock right down
to the bottom figure in three shakes; we
shall get a reputation for rowdiness and
mucker tactics fastened onto us good
and hard, and what is more, if we allow
such a thing to come about, we'll deserve
it.

Fellows, we can't afford to let our
Alma Mater get a bad name; we can't
afford, for our own interests, to be known
as the students of a school where a
man's influence is measured by his capac-
ity for brawling. It's up to the Seniors
and Juniors, and even more to what we
believe to be the large majority of the
Sophomores, to squelch these few "jin-
goes," and do a good job at it,—make
them see, in no very feeble fashion, that
if they came to school to indulge their
tendencies for rowdiness they came to the
wrong place!

It's a good deal of a job to tell what
is going to happen around here, isn't
it? For instance, last week it was an-
nounced through this column that Moun-
tain Day would probably be merged in-
to Columbus Day, and no sooner has the
issue appeared, than the writer goes up
to Boynton Hall, and sees, over the of-
ficial signature, that both holidays will
be observed. Well, we have made
worse mistakes.

Has anybody any kick coming about
our team or the coach now? The first
game did look rather glum for a starter,
but it was played on only two weeks of
practice, and a team that can stand up
to a fast, heavy bunch like the Train-
ing School, have only six points against
them, and do some violent threatening
on its opponent's goal line, is going
some, especially thus early in the sea-
son.

THAT SENIOR PLAY

The men who started work on the
play for "Tech Night" report that in-
terest is being aroused everywhere
among Tech men. It is the main topic
of conversation at all the "hash
houses," at the fraternities and at
the "little dorms" scattered about the
Hill. General Manager Geo. P. Dixon,
2nd, is ready with any information re-
garding the project, especially about
the songs. Some catchy songs are needed!
Don't talk about them, but write! Do
Tech men realize that Prof. Coombs is
going to stage the play until a profes-
sional coach is secured? This alone is
evidence that the play is to be a suc-
cess. If the project is carried through
this year, a Dramatic Club will be or-
ganized, for "the play is the thing," and
dramatics will add a new feature to
Tech life that is now lacking.

OFFICIAL

Miss Evelyn Valva, our fair co-ed, and
the one redeeming feature of an author-
itative request to visit the office, has re-
signed her position as secretary to
President Engler in order to take up a
more extensive study of music. Mr.
Carl Gray is her successor, but he can
never take the place of Miss Valva
in the hearts of all Tech men.

Mr. Harry Grey, who has been right
hand man in the foundry during the
last seven years, has taken the place
of Mr. Palmer, who got through Oct.
1st. Mr. Grey stands close to Mr.
Jernberg as "the whitest man on the
Hill" and we wish him all possible
success.

AT CHAFFINS

The senior Mechanics have at last
come into full enjoyment of their law-
ful rights and privileges. They have
attacked Fort Chaffin, boot and saddle,
and taken it in completely, hook, line,
sinker and all the bait. The party left
on the 1.30 car Thursday in a rather
hilarious mood.

After arriving a hard afternoon's
work was done on the various pastimes
provided us by the powers that be, and
about 5.10 all the men adjourned to the
boulevard, there to watch the belles of
Chaffins strolling through the park, and
incidentally to attend a private per-
formance of "The Merry-go-round,"
which was being given on the current
meter rating station, with "Felix,"
Randall and "Chuck" Leigh as scene
shifters, Adrian "Profane" as water-
boy and apple-carrier, incidentally
critic and stage manager, and a weary
and disgusted chorus of seven never-
sweats, who, worn out with the exertion
of doing two men's work for an hour
and a half with only eight vacations,
were herating the shore gang and fig-
uring their chances of getting the same
car the bunch did. The gallery gods
who leaned on the rail did not approve
of one of the chorus numbers, and said
so with sticks, stones and apple cores.
It the Mechanics expect to play ball
this spring, they will have to pick their
team from the chorus, for the others
can't throw a little bit. They were just
getting where they could put two suc-
cessive shots within the 43-foot circle
of the boom, when the car came around
the curve. Then ensued a mad rush
for seats. Taft was at this time giv-
ing a balancing exhibition on the boom
when some kind friend attempted to aid
his progress shoreward by propping up
the end of the boom. He propped it
up, but unfortunately added considera-
ble lateral displacement. Taft showed
his gratitude by giving a true-to-life
imitation of the gyrations of a Dutch
windmill in a 40-knot gale, and sudden-
ly, as if on suicide bent, he plunged in-
to the murky depths. Fortunately the
water was only waist deep, and so he
recovered from the effects sooner than
would have been the case had he stayed
on land and got soured to that extent.
Moved with pity at the sight of the
chorus marooned on the platform and
attempting to play successfully the
part of the African dodger, Stewart

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volunteered as crew for the captain's gig, the only available craft except the one in which Gilbert challenges the town to a speed, endurance and general watermanship contest, and rowed bravely out to the stage of the nautical theatre. Kennedy, Payette and Neal immediately took passage with him and the craft cleared for the tedious voyage just as the car hove in sight. Stanley put on all speed and soon had reached shoal water, when the passengers became rattled at the prospect of making a landing through the breakers, and with one accord they jumped. The barge started seaward with one gunwale under water, all but one of the passengers landed with both feet and more or less trousers in the water, while the entire crew, taken completely by surprise, slid gracefully into the shoal water and crawled to safety on the bank. The car at this juncture started for Worcester with all but six of the party. They remained to collect the relics of the conflict, say farewell to the fair damsels who came to bid them good-by, and to listen to a monologue by the only living person who can slip it over our Sunday School teacher's clasp in Marathon profanity. Then Stewart, Stowell and Taft started to wend their way homeward, riding shank's mare, while the others rested on the fence and listened to the swashing of the water in Stewart's boots as he walked away.

ALUMNI NEWS

G. R. Wholean, 1910, is going to the plant of the Norton Co., Chippewa, Canada, in a few weeks.

The marriage of W. S. Sargent, '07, and Marion H. Perry of Worcester took place in Worcester a week ago Tuesday.

C. C. Spencer, '98, for some years food chemist with the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is spending the year in study and research work at the University of Munich, Germany.

E. H. Brown, '98, for some years partner in the firm of Cadwell & Brown, has entered the firm of Hewitt & Brown, architects and engineers. Mr. Brown will have charge of the engineering work of the firm. He is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1896, taking his degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Institute two years later.

PRIZE FOR CIVILS

Through the generosity of the Technical Supply Company of New York City, the department of civil engineering is enabled again to offer a prize in the technical drawing of the first term of the year. The prize will be a complete set of high grade drawing instruments. The drawings considered will be those in the courses in stereotomy and railroad engineering, and consist of a combination buttress and retaining wall, an arched culvert, an oblique arch, the location map and profile of a railroad line, the general design of a double slip switch crossing and the detailed design of the frogs and switches for the same

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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names of the members of the mechanical engineering department who will be in active charge of each subject: "Conservation," Professor C. M. Allen; "Heating and Ventilation," Mr. S. E. Balcom; "Aviation," Prof. D. L. Gallup; "Materials of Construction," Prof. E. L. Hancock; "Shop Management," Mr. L. W. Rawson; "Gear Drives," Prof. A. L. Smith; "Transmission," Mr. W. R. Tilden. On account of the spring recess, it was decided to hold the April meeting upon March 31st. The May meeting will be the annual meeting for election of officers.

HONOR MEN

The honor list for the students of the department of mechanical engineering, for the spring term 1909-10, is now posted, the following men receiving honors: 1910, R. A. Grise, H. M. King, C. W. Mordey; 1911, F. W. Kennedy, C. T. Leigh, A. H. Reid, S. W. Sparrow, C. W. Taft, R. H. Wolcott; 1912, F. G. Munson, P. A. Porter, W. E. Steele, W. R. Turner; 1913, C. P. Ball, H. W. Bishop, R. H. Blanchard, C. A. Brock, E. K. Brown, H. H. Chase, E. R. Hedstrom, W. M. Jones, C. E. Phelps, F. S. Riggs, H. Schmidt, K. Schmidt, F. H. Schopfer, W. H. Varney. The names in the several classes are arranged alphabetically without consideration of the percentages. It is announced that these are the men who by their scholarship, attention to their Institute work and attitude to the engineering profession the department desires to honor.

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A. A. ELECTION

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Last year at the meeting for the annual election of officers there were 218 members present. This year, let every man be present who cares one jot or one tittle about athletics, or what becomes of his \$4 athletic fee, and let him vote for that man whom he conscientiously thinks is best fitted to represent him on the Athletic Board of the W. P. I. A. A.

FRESHMEN GIVEN RECEPTION BY THE FACULTY

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brought out its spirit to the best advantage. It is a common sentiment on every freshman's tongue that the reception to the class of 1914 was a success in every way, and that it instilled life and encouragement in every man.

The members of the faculty and their wives present were: President and Mrs. E. A. Engler, Professors L. L. Conant, G. H. Haynes, W. L. Jennings, Z. W. Coombs, A. W. French, W. W. Bird, A. S. Riehey and C. A. Read; Assistant Professors A. W. Ewell, G. E. Olshausen, D. L. Gallup, C. D. Knight and R. C. Sweetser; Instructors H. P. Fairfield, J. A. Bullard, S. E. Baleon, A. W. Hall,

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